

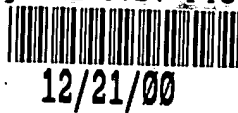
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S OATH/DECLARATION

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Date: December 21, 2000

Sir:



This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:
**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVISION OF A BACK-UP CONNECTION
IN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☒ An abstract together with
14 pages of specification and claims including
8 numbered claims and also attached are
4 sheets of accompanying drawings.
☒ This application is based on the following prior foreign application:

Application No.	Country	Filing Date
0004036-0	Sweden	3 November 2000

the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- ☐ This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):
Application No. Filing Date

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- ☒ Certified copy of foreign application attached.

- ☐ This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

- ☒ Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.
☐ Also attached.

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